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BEAVERTON PLANS REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING DUE TO ECONOMY

- Seven employees will be laid off by June 30, 2010 and ten vacant positions will be eliminated from proposed 2010-2011 budget -

BEAVERTON, Oregon (April 19, 2010) – The City of Beaverton today announced that there will be reductions in the city workforce due to decreased revenue projections within the Building Fund as well as site development and inspection fees, a reflection of the continuing economic trends nationwide. A total of seven current FTE (full time equivalent) employees will be laid off from the Community Development and Public Works departments at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2010. Position elimination will occur through attrition and layoffs. In addition, 10.63 currently vacant positions will be removed from the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

"During the past few years, building revenues have not kept pace with the cost of providing services," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "While the city proactively repositions itself to better assist in jump starting redevelopment, it will be some time before we start to see increased revenues in building funds and site development fees. However, we will continue to provide the highest possible level of service to our citizens and potential businesses."

Since 2005-06, the Building Fund's expenditures have exceeded revenues by an average of \$286,000 per year. In 2009-10, the shortfall is estimated to be \$441,000 leaving the Building Fund with a projected ending contingency of \$901,000. In 2010-11, the Building Fund would be operating at a deficit of \$425,000 leaving a projected contingency of \$476,000. The reduction of staffing levels for next fiscal year will decrease expenditures so that the fund's contingency will be able to sustain its operations. The contingency is necessary because building permit fees received today are used to pay for the cost of inspection services that will occur in the following six months. In addition, site development permit fees and inspection fees have been declining since FY 2007-08 and the program is expected to have a deficit of \$340,000 at the end of FY 2009-10. The staff reductions will result in a decrease of \$610,000 in expenses for fiscal year 2010-11 alone.

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